The existing policy regarding molasses and alcohol is presently under detailed review.

Delicensing of chemical industry

196. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL :
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANIGKER :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* dated the 28th May, 1986 captioned 'Chemical industry to be de-licensed'; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what decisions have been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNAGHALAM) :
(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Polyester yarn units

197. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL :
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANIGKER :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up more polyester yam units in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the last one year, 12 Letters of Intent hav been issued for setting up of grass root plants for the manufacture *r* Polyester Filament Yarn for a tota capacity of 1,86,000 tonnes/annum.

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198. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL :
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANIGKER :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to liberalise the licensing policy for synthetic yarn; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM
(a) and (b) With a view to allowing licensed industrial undertakings the flexibility of manufacturing articles according to market demand in cases where this can be done with available common design and production facilities, Government announced in September, 1985, the scheme of broad banding in a number of groups of industries which included the following :—

(i) Synthetic fibre industry covering the three types of fibre namely; Polyester, Nylon and Poly-proplene; and

(ii) Synthetic filament yarn including industrial yarn/tyre cord.

In the light of the response of the industry to the above measure, it has been decided to enlarge the scope of the broad banding to permit the manufacturers of the polyester staple fibre to undertake production of polyester filament yarn and *vice versa* by making use of polycondensa-

tion facility subject to certain conditions. Copies or' Press Note No. 17 (1986 Series) dated 25-6-1986 issued in this regard have been supplied to the Parliament Library.

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199. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refe* to the answer to Unstarred question 1431 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th March, 1986 and to state :

(a) what further decision and steps have since been taken for the exapansi on of direct international subscriber dialling facility to more countries; and

(b) what are the names of the countries with which this facility is liksly to *hi* established during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) AHigh Power Working Group has been set up for planning expansion of Internati* Subscriber Dialling (ISD) telephone services keeping in view the various technical aspects. After 10-3-1986, the facility has been extended to another two countries namely, Federal Republic of Germany and Fur-key.

(b) ISD facilities are likely to be • extended to ten more countries-during the currew fi*na*ncial year.

Telecommunication Exchange in Orissa

200. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS ba pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing Telecommunication Exchange in Bhubaneswar still remained a seccnd class exchange area though the prestigious Industrial belt of Mancheswar and Chandika fall in this exchange;

(b) whether Government propose to convert Bhubaneswar into a multi exchange area keeping in view the that this exchange can serve properly; and

(c) what are the hindrances fox operating the new telecommunication exchanges in the State, especially in view of the fact that all transmissions from Calcutta to Madras pass through Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNIGATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) It has been planned to open a second unit with digital electronic equipment thereby making Bhubaneswar a multi-exchange area since the ex has been exa-panded to its ultimate capacity.

(c) There is no hindrance. Telephone e: are opened and expanded based on telephone demands and availability of resources.

Telephone Exchange at Cuttack

201. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that in Cuttack the total wait ing list of
is likely to increase to 3000 within this year;

(b) what are the reasons that the trunk telephone exchange at Cuttack instead of being increased to 2000 numbers has been reduced to 1000, numbers, which cannot evidently accommodate the waiting subs cribers ; and